Office of the Mayor Town of Gilbert

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Children's Benefit Foundation, a 501 C (3) organization, makes substantial contributions to the future of America's children, our voters, workers, and citizens of tomorrow. Promoting a C.O.O.L. (choice of optimum lifestyle) and a G.O.O.D.® (get off of Drugs, Drinking, Danger and Debt) lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, excellence in wellness and good health is dependent on a safe and healthy environment, in home, in community and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of everyone's lives are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence in the form of gangs, spousal and child abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, vandalism, school shootings in our growing communities; and

WHEREAS, it is our responsibility as residents of Gilbert and the State of Arizona to support each other in advocating nonviolence and securing a future for our children and safe families; and

WHEREAS, all citizens respectfully should view violence as one of our nation's biggest challenges and look for a solution to end the violence; and

WHEREAS, numerous businesses, schools, national programs and organizations around the world are among those creating answers; and

WHEREAS, the observance of "A WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE" will create awareness, educate and strengthen the message that we can substantially promote all of our state and nation to join us in our campaign advocating nonviolence and make a solemn commitment to end the violence, promote peace, making our community a safer place to live;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** John Lewis Mayor of the Town of Gilbert do hereby proclaim October 7 through 14, 2012 as

## "A WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE"

In witness thereof, I hereby set my hand and affix the Official Seal of the Mayor, Town of Gilbert, Arizona, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012.

John W. Lewis, Mayor